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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment increased by 320 from May reaching a total unemployed of 18,330 in June. The unemployment rate remained at 3.2 percent. A year ago there were 21,920 unemployed and the rate was 4.0 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.1 percent in June and 7.5 percent a year ago. Based on the latest data available by state, May 1986, New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of all the states for ten consecutive months.

Four areas experienced unemployment decreases from May, the largest of which occurred in the Berlin area with 470 fewer unemployed as the result of seasonal employment gains in trade and services. Seven areas had unemployment increases led by the Salem area (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA) with 450 more jobless. This was due primarily to the layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear Power project and some high tech layoffs of N.H. residents working in Massachusetts. Overall, seasonal employment gains in trade and services is indicative of the beginning of the summer tourist season. Also, construction jobs increased from May indicating the continued strength of this industry. Statewide unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in the Laconia Labor Market Area to a high of 7.0 percent in the Salem area.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 9,700 from May as manufacturing was up 400 and nonmanufacturing 9,300. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased 22,950 workers as manufacturing lost 2,900 jobs while nonmanufacturing gained 25,850. Electrical products lost 2,000 jobs during the year, trade gained 6,450, construction 6,200, and services 7,950.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 250 from May and the rate dropped from 3.1 to 2.8 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.0 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 450 from May and by 1,350 from a year ago. While manufacturing lost 1,100 jobs during the year, nonmanufacturing gained 2,450. Services is up 900 and construction 550.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment increased by 120 from May as the unemployment rate went from 3.4 to 3.5 percent. A year ago the rate was 4.1 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 950 workers from May, but is down 250 from the year ago level. While manufacturing is down 800 jobs from last year, nonmanufacturing is up 550. In manufacturing, machinery and electrical products decreased by 500. In nonmanufacturing, services increased by 250.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	571,730	562,550	541,990	9,180	29,740	82,590	83,280	80,050	-690	2,540	90,490	89,820	90,190	670	300
2. Unemployment	18,330	18,010	21,920	320	-3,590	2,330	2,580	2,430	-250	-100	3,210	3,090	3,740	120	-530
Percent of labor force	3.2	3.2	4.0	xxx	xxx	2.8	3.1	3.0	xxx	xxx	3.5	3.4	4.1	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	553,400	544,400	520,070	9,000	33,330	80,260	80,650	77,620	-390	2,640	87,280	86,690	86,450	590	830
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	140	0	-140	0	0	50	0	-50	0	0	40	0	- 40	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	494,500	484,800	471,550	9,700	22,950	81,450	81,000	80,100	450	1,350	84,600	83,650	84,850	950	-250
Manufacturing	120,900	120,900	123,800	400	-2,900	14,400	14,500	15,500	-100	-1,100	36,950	36,550	37,750	400	-800
Durable goods	83,450	83,300	84,800	150	-1,350	8,750	8,950	9,200	-200	- 450	30,700	30,350	31,350	350	-650
Lumber & wood prods.	5,750	5,750	5,900	0	- 150										
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,700	1,500	0	200										
Stone & clay prods.	3,050	3,100	3,050	-50	0										
Primary metal prods.	4,450	4,400	4,300	50	150										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,050	7,000	7,250	50	- 200										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	26,050	25,600	25,900	450	150	5,100	5,300	5,800	-200	- 700	23,200	22,950	23,700	250	-500
Electrical prods.	23,900	24,200	25,900	-300	-2,000										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,150	2,250	2,250	-100	- 100										
Other durables	9,350	9,300	8,750	50	600	3,650	3,650	3,400	0	250	7,500	7,400	7,650	100	-150
Nondurable goods	37,450	37,200	39,000	250	-1,550	5,650	5,550	6,300	100	- 650	6,250	6,200	6,400	50	-150
Food & kindred prods.	3,300	3,200	3,100	100	200										
Textile mill prods.	3,650	3,600	3,700	50	- 50	1,500	1,500	1,700	0	- 200					
Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,550	0	- 150										
Paper & allied prods.	5,600	5,500	5,700	100	- 100										
Print., pub. & allied	7,050	7,150	7,300	-100	- 250										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,150	5,050	5,700	100	- 550										
Other nondurables	10,300	10,300	10,950	0	650	4,150	4,050	4,600	100	- 450					
Nonmanufacturing	373,600	364,300	347,750	9,300	25,850	67,050	66,500	64,600	550	2,450	47,650	47,100	47,100	550	550
Construction (inc. min.)	39,150	37,800	32,950	1,350	6,200	5,400	5,300	4,850	100	550	4,100	4,000	4,100	100	0
Trans., comm. & util.	16,050	15,500*	15,950	550	100	4,900	*4,800	4,750	100	150	2,200	*2,150	2,100	50	100
Trade	120,450	116,900	114,000	3,550	6,450	21,400	21,350	21,250	50	150	16,900	16,850	17,350	50	-450
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,050	27,400	25,600	650	2,450	7,550	7,400	7,100	150	450	2,850	2,750	2,700	100	150
Service industry & other	108,300	104,650	100,350	3,650	7,950	19,900	19,800	19,000	100	900	15,350	15,150	15,100	200	250
Government	61,600	62,050	58,900	-450	2,700	7,900	7,850	7,650	50	250	6,250	6,200	5,750	50	500
Federal	8,100	8,100	7,700	0	400	2,350	2,400	2,250	- 50	100	800	800	800	0	0
State	15,800	16,950	15,700	-1,150	100	850	850	850	0	0	200	250	200	- 50	0
Local	37,700	37,000	35,500	700	2,200	4,700	4,600	4,550	100	150	5,250	5,150	4,750	100	500

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment Benchmark

Labor Disputes:

* May 1986 Industry 40-140 Workers on Strike not included

* May 1986 Industry 40-50 Workers on Strike not included

* May 1986 Industry 40-40 Workers on Strike not included

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

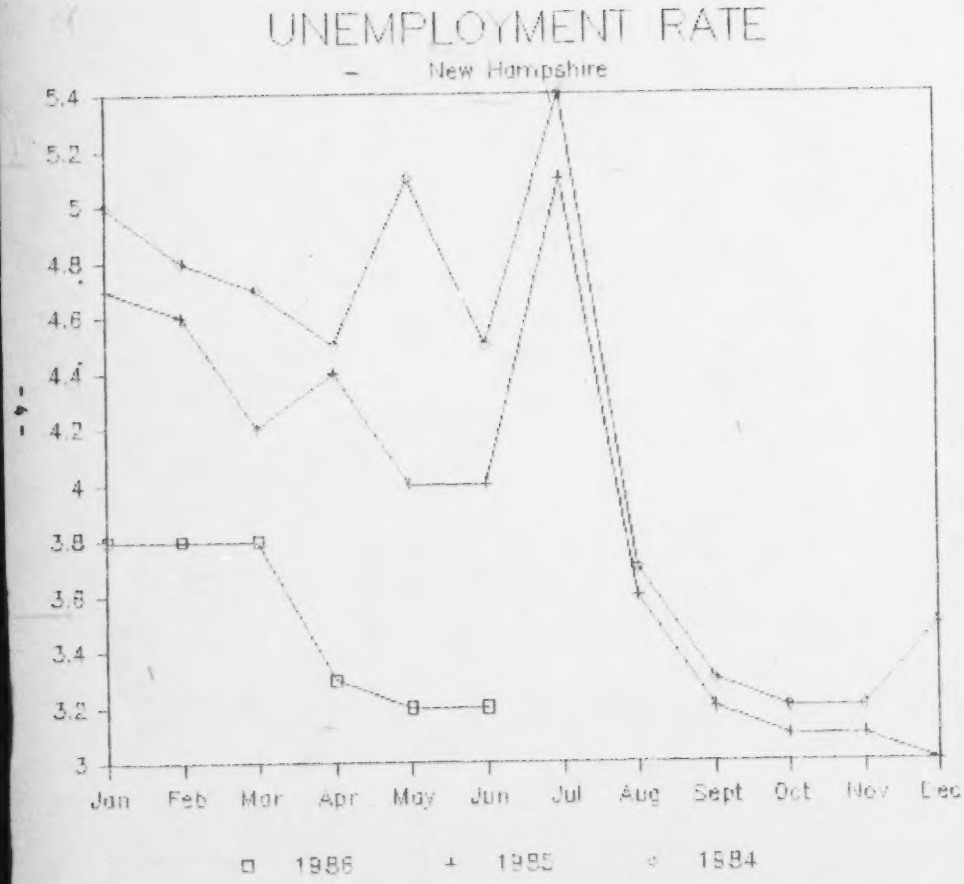
Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June Number	1986 Rate	May Number	1986 Rate	June Number	1985 Rate	Month	Year	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	8,443	7.1	8,158	7.0	8,753	7.5	285	-310	118,116	117,199	116,572	917	1,544
NEW HAMPSHIRE	18,330	3.2	18,010	3.2	21,920	4.0	320	-3,590	571,730	562,550	541,990	9,180	29,740
BERLIN LMA	730	2.8	1,200	4.8	1,100	4.6	-470	-370	25,750	24,970	23,750	780	2,000
CLAREMONT LMA	980	2.5	710	1.9	1,310	3.6	270	-330	39,150	38,140	36,220	1,010	2,930
CONCORD LMA	1,150	2.2	1,040	2.0	1,840	3.8	110	-690	51,530	51,180	48,010	350	3,520
KEENE LMA	1,100	2.7	990	2.4	1,460	3.8	110	-360	41,270	41,230	38,410	40	2,860
LACONIA LMA	1,100	2.1	1,040	2.0	1,420	2.9	60	-320	52,830	50,830	49,250	2,000	3,580
LITTLETON LMA	550	3.1	680	4.0	740	4.5	-130	-190	17,950	16,850	16,430	1,100	1,520
MANCHESTER MSA	2,330	2.8	2,580	3.1	2,430	3.0	-250	-100	82,590	83,280	80,050	-690	2,540
NASHUA PMSA	3,210	3.5	3,090	3.4	3,740	4.1	120	-530	90,490	89,820	90,190	670	300
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	3,160	7.0	2,710	6.1	2,630	6.2	450	530	44,910	44,150	42,140	760	2,770
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,500	2.7	3,310	2.6	4,530	3.7	190	-1,030	130,890	127,290	122,910	3,600	7,980
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	680	3.6	680	3.7	870	4.9	0	-190	19,020	18,550	17,740	470	1,280
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	150	3.2	290	5.9	290	6.2	-140	-140	4,750	4,910	4,690	-160	60
County													
BELKNAP	580	2.1	600	2.3	820	3.3	-20	-240	27,000	26,080	25,230	920	1,770
CARROLL	320	1.8	370	2.2	460	2.8	-50	-140	17,850	17,150	16,500	700	1,350
CHESHIRE	1,020	2.8	900	2.4	1,370	4.0	120	-350	36,950	36,890	34,420	60	2,530
COOS	750	3.5	1,220	5.8	1,050	5.3	-470	-300	21,540	20,880	19,860	660	1,680
GRAFTON	930	2.3	900	2.4	1,190	3.3	30	-260	39,700	38,060	36,590	1,640	3,110
HILLSBOROUGH	5,530	3.2	5,830	3.4	6,330	3.7	-300	-800	174,000	174,020	170,280	-20	3,720
MERRIMACK	1,360	2.2	1,220	2.0	2,070	3.6	140	-710	61,200	60,510	57,340	690	3,860
ROCKINGHAM	5,550	4.8	5,000	4.4	5,110	4.7	550	440	115,540	113,210	108,430	2,330	7,110
STRAFFORD	1,700	2.9	1,560	2.8	2,630	4.8	140	-930	57,630	55,990	54,410	1,640	3,220
SULLIVAN	590	2.9	410	2.1	890	4.7	180	-300	20,320	19,760	18,930	560	1,390

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - June	323.0			
Percent change from year ago	1.3			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month -	327.9			
Percent change from year ago	1.7			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

STAFFING PATTERNS
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE
(SIC 50 - 59)

Occupational Title	OES Code	JUNE 1985 Estimated Employment	Percent Of Total
Total All Occupations	-	114,170	100.0
Managers and Administrators	10000-19999	9,519	8.3
Professional, Paraprofessional and Technical Occupations	20000-39999	3,204	2.8
Sales Occupations	40000-49999	41,287	36.2
Clerical and Administrative Support Occupations	50000-59999	13,774	12.1
Service Occupations	60000-69999	31,181	27.3
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, and Related Occupations	70000-79999	114	0.1
Production, Construction, Operating, Maintenance and Material Handling Occupations	80000-98999	15,091	13.2

SOURCE: Occupational Employment Statistics Survey - 1985.

Publication to be available next couple of months.

A total of 1,799 out of a sample of 2,367 wholesale and retail trade firms participated in the survey. This represented a 76 percent respone. The sample employment was 58,201 and the survey participants reported employment of 43,677. Segments of the economy are surveyed every year and specific industries are only surveyed once every three years to complete the cycle. This year manufacturing and hospitals are being surveyed.

Weekly Claims Filed During June
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	4,577	11,089	10	34	12	24	39	69	13	66
Berlin	149	526	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claremont	190	266	1	0	0	11	1	0	0	0
Concord	245	622	3	1	2	0	5	14	0	0
Conway	56	170	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Dover	663	1,176	3	0	2	1	7	17	3	20
Keene	233	536	1	4	2	7	0	3	1	4
Laconia	456	550	0	4	0	0	7	11	0	0
Lebanon	30	98	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Littleton	231	402	0	1	3	2	3	6	0	0
Manchester	747	1,790	0	6	0	0	3	0	4	0
Nashua	747	1,305	0	9	1	0	1	3	0	4
Portsmouth	384	1,497	1	1	0	0	7	15	0	18
Salem	261	575	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	185	1,576	1	7	0	0	0	0	5	17

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $120.51

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$130,814,685.31

Net contributions received during month:

$197,202.43

Net benefits paid during month:

$1,078,985.84

Interest Received:

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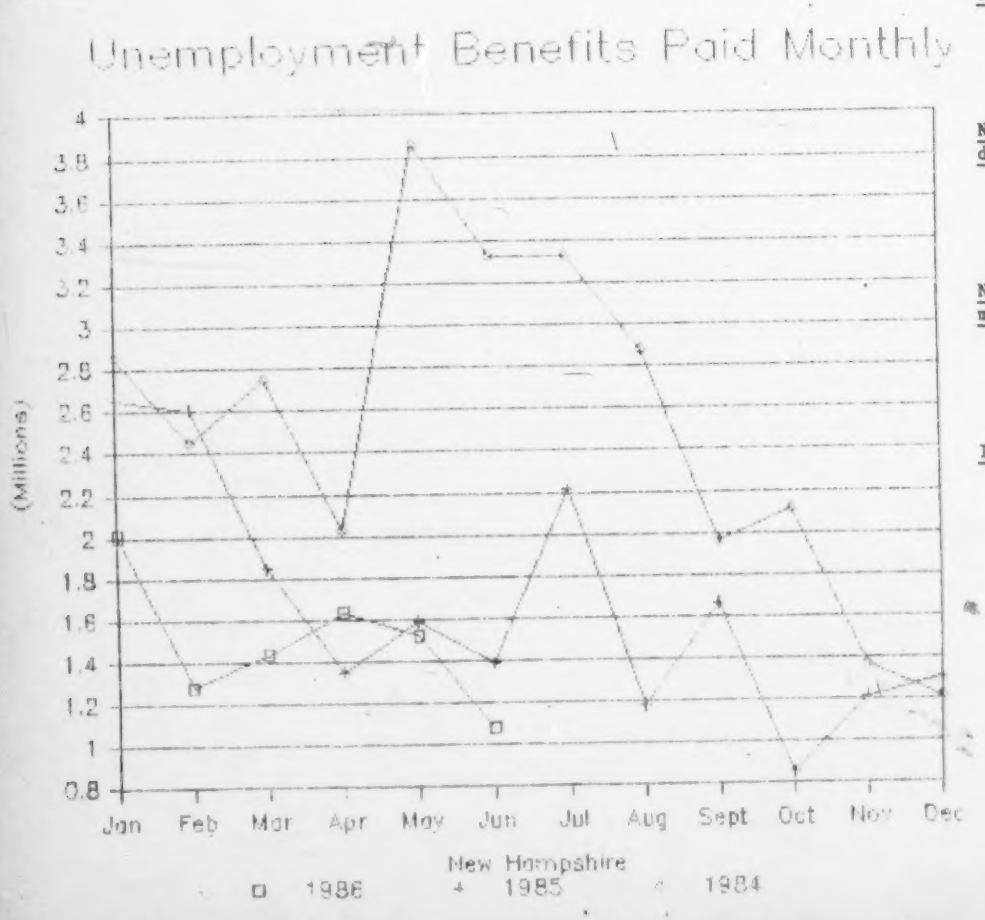

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
All manufacturing	$358.52	$357.06	$340.17	41.4	40.9	40.4	$ 8.66	$ 8.73	$ 8.42
Durable goods	371.23	368.81	351.48	41.9	41.3	40.4	8.86	8.93	8.70
Lumber & wood prods.	272.43	275.12	258.69	40.3	40.4	38.9	6.76	6.81	6.65
Furniture & fixtures	284.65	290.14	272.50	39.1	39.8	37.9	7.28	7.29	7.19
Stone & clay prods.	351.12	364.66	339.29	41.8	42.8	42.2	8.40	8.52	8.04
Primary metal prods.	412.66	412.34	364.49	43.9	44.1	41.0	9.40	9.35	8.89
Fab. metal prods.	352.23	347.53	324.01	39.8	39.9	40.4	8.85	8.71	8.02
Mach. (exc. elec.)	391.55	410.41	391.87	43.7	43.8	43.3	8.96	9.37	9.05
Electrical prods.	409.17	380.40	363.47	42.8	40.0	38.3	9.56	9.51	9.49
Miscellaneous prods.	263.34	262.43	251.90	38.5	38.2	38.4	6.84	6.87	6.56
Other durables	357.01	359.30	363.74	39.8	40.1	41.1	8.97	8.96	8.85
Nondurable goods	$333.30	$332.83	$316.37	40.4	40.1	40.2	$ 8.25	$ 8.30	$ 7.87
Food & kindred prods.	405.59	399.60	389.91	41.9	39.1	41.0	9.68	10.22	9.51
Textile mill prods.	305.12	307.01	274.56	40.2	41.6	39.0	7.59	7.38	7.04
Apparel	227.78	220.82	216.82	37.9	37.3	37.0	6.01	5.92	5.86
Paper & allied prods.	468.50	465.55	450.08	48.2	47.7	48.5	9.72	9.76	9.28
Print., pub. & allied	356.66	354.92	319.22	38.6	38.0	38.6	9.24	9.34	8.27
Leather & lea. prods.	203.99	202.27	204.05	35.6	35.3	37.1	5.73	5.73	5.50
Footwear	188.81	187.38	191.73	34.9	34.7	36.8	5.41	5.40	5.21
Other nondurables	343.85	348.80	336.44	40.8	40.7	40.1	8.49	8.57	8.39

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 51%

Total Production Workers: 83,400

Firms Reporting: 343

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
All manufacturing	$357.00	$350.72	$323.14	40.8	39.9	39.6	$ 8.75	$ 8.79	$ 8.16
Durable goods	371.99	359.99	345.54	39.7	39.3	39.4	9.37	9.16	8.77
Mach. & elec. prods.	381.64	363.77	349.27	40.6	39.8	39.6	9.40	9.14	8.82
Other durables	360.52	353.82	338.43	38.6	38.5	38.9	9.34	9.19	8.70
Nondurable goods	332.78	335.38	292.80	42.5	40.9	40.0	7.83	8.20	7.32
Textiles & apparel	303.26	279.30	263.42	41.6	38.9	39.2	7.29	7.18	6.72
Other nondurables	344.49	357.37	302.30	42.9	41.7	40.2	8.03	8.57	7.52

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 53%

Total Production Workers: 10,700

Firms Reporting: 44

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
All manufacturing	$400.20	$400.93	$405.96	40.1	39.5	40.8	$ 9.98	$10.15	$ 9.95
Durable goods	402.19	400.47	415.24	40.3	39.3	41.4	9.98	10.19	10.03
Mach. & elec. prods.	417.91	421.19	449.08	39.5	38.5	41.2	10.58	10.94	10.90
Other durables	364.17	351.07	333.94	42.1	41.4	41.9	8.65	8.48	7.97
Nondurable goods	393.00	397.80	368.26	39.3	39.9	38.4	10.00	9.97	9.59

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 55%

Total Production Workers: 21,600

Firms Reporting: 71

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending June 30, 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	9,538	4,707	1,699	908	827	400
Prof., Tech. (00-16)						
Managerial (18,19)	1,434	540	185	82	197	59
Clerical (20-24)	1,835	1,518	302	236	169	128
Sales (25-29)	472	232	96	46	56	20
Services (3)	1,578	1,017	239	155	106	66
Farm (4)	113	16	13	1	8	0
Processing (5)	154	49	39	10	21	3
Machine Trade (6)	769	274	177	84	56	18
Benchwork (7)	1,012	741	314	226	104	76
Structural (8)	1,314	106	195	25	55	8
Miscellaneous (9)	835	202	137	42	70	18
Unclassified	22	12	2	1	5	4

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	June 1986	May 1986	July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,645	2,497	23,231
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,565	2,602	29,593
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,635	2,676	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,068	954	14,152